Some of the chief Heads of the moſt Miraculous Wonders, that have of late been in Chriſtendom.

Jamaica, June the 7th. 1692.

ABout a quarter of an hour after 11 of the Clock, there was a terrible Earthquake, which continued ſcarcely a quarter of an hour; in which time it overthrew all the Brick and Stone Buildings in the Countrey; in the which time *Port Royal* was deſtroyed and Town of St. *Jago*, with ſeveral others.

Earthquakes in Sicily *and* Naples; *Which News came over in the Monthly Mercury.*

THE Second of *January* in 1693, there happened about Four a Clock in the Morning, a terrible Earthquake at *Meſſina*; which however did no damage, but it ſtruck ſo great a terrour into the Inhabitants, that the greateſt part forſook the City, the reſt betook themſelves to the Churches two days after.

The whole City was ſo terribly ſhaken, that the violence of the ſhog over-turned 24 Pallaces, and conſiderably endamaged all the reſt of the Buildings, as every body thought nothing elſe, but eſcaping from the danger and retireing into the Country, where they that could ſet up Tents were ſafe from the injuries of the Weather, the Air being all on a flame by reaſon of the Thunder and continual flaſhes of Lightning: But, notwithſtanding the great damage done to this City, it was nothing to what many others received; as that of *Faermina, Maſcali, Modica, Agouſta, Catanea, Syracuſe, Carlentino*, and ſeveral other conſiderable Cities and Towns and Provinces are utterly ruined. *Agouſta* is become a meer lake, by reaſon of a Rupture which the Sea made into that part, while at the ſame time, the Lightning Flaſhing into the Fortreſs of the City

blew it up into the Air, [illegible] was utterly overturned, and Sixteen thousand Persons were Buried under the Ruins of the great Church; the 18 and 19 two fresh jolts gave new Alarms: Nor is the News from *Palermo* less to be deplored, that the Pallace Royal is quite overturned, and that the *VICE-ROY* had much ado to escape to the Gallies. It may be truly said that *Sicily* is nie laid waste, as also the lower *Calabria*; 'tis thought above 120000 People perished, besides 20000 Wounded: In this Earthquake was destroyed 37 great Cities and Towns.

There has been a small Earthquake at *Urbin*, so that *Cardinal Francis Barbarini* was in some danger going to his Legat-ship of *Ravenna*; but he was succour'd in time by his Servants, who disengaged him out of a Quegmire covered with Water. This Earthquake was felt in the City of *Castello*, where the Cathedral Church and some other Buildings were thrown down; as also in several other parts of *Romagno*.

This News was in the May *Mercury* 1694.

The Mountain *Vesuvius* has cast up so great a quantity of Melted Sulpher and Bitumen, that both together have form'd a kind of a little River for Three Miles in length; so that for fear it should diffuse it self into the Neighbouring Fields, the *VICE-ROY* of *Naples* has been forced to set a great Number of Inhabitants to work, to open a passage for the infernal Liquor into the Sea.

This News was in the August *Mercury* 1694.

From *Naples* we understand that the ravages made by the Earthquake, appear to be greater every day than other; the last particulars of which are these: The great Altar of the Cathedral Church, and the Chappel of St. *Januario*, belonging to it, are very much damaged. The Churches also of St. *Jerome*, St. *Laurence*, St. *John*, St. *Gregory*, of the Souls in Purgatory, St. *Pauls*, St. *Peters*, St. *John* the Greater. The Churches

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of the *Annunciation*, St. *Clara's*, the *Jesuits*, and the *Dominicans* Churches, have ſuffered ſome more, ſome leſs; and alſo the Cloiſters of the Nunneries of St. *Francis*, *Teresa*, *Mary Magdalen*, *Sancta Clara*, and the *Carmelites*.

Upon the 22th day of *June* 1694, the day that the Sun ſuffered an Eccliplſe, there aroſe ſo great a Storm near *Cahors*, and ſuch a terrible Tempeſt of Thunder, Lightning, Rain, and Hail; that ſeven or eight Villages were burnt by the Fire that darted from the Sky, above 1200 perſons were deſtroyed, and all the cattel underwent the ſame fate. The River *Loire* ſwelled to that degree, that it overflowed all the Countrey, and when it returned to its Channel, left ſuch an infinite number of Fiſh, altogether unknown upon the land, that their ſtench infected the air; every body thought the World had been at an end. The Hail ravaged 48 Pariſhes in *Armagnac*, on that ſide next *Bigorie* and the Mountains.

This News was in the July *Mercury* 1694.

The new ravages which Mount *Veſſuvius* has made, are very conſiderable, and accompanied with circumſtances no leſs remarkable. The people were firſt of all allarm'd by the roaring of Subterraneal Noiſes, which began the 15th. of *April* laſt. Theſe Noiſes were attended with rolling Hurricanes of Flames intermixed with Smokes, and from the wide Mouth of the Mountain iſſued forth a torrent of Fire. The air was at the ſame time covered with a thick cloud of blended cinders and burning ſand, which continued till the 12th. The 13th the Mountain opening it ſelf in ſeveral places, threw up flames and bituminous matter, which ſeparated themſelves into ſeveral Torrents. They took their courſe thorow a very deep Valley, that lies upon one of the ſides of the Mountain; and this river of fire glided along in this manner for the ſpace of a mile and a half weſtward. The breadth of it was near 50 fathom, and the fire rear'd it ſelf upward above 22 fathom, and this continued till the 16th. The ſame day

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...at night, the Wind at Eaſt, there fell a ...quantity of black Cinders mixed with Sand, ...covered the ſtreets and houſes of *Naples:* The Wind veered to the Weſt, and the next day being the 29th. the Torrents of the fire began again to flow gently from the Mountain; and falling into the Valley, ſeperated themſelves into two Valleys. Others were formed in different parts of the Mountains, which ran into the Territories of *Hercolano* and *Boſco.* The Stones and pieces of Rocks that lay in the paſſage of theſe fiery Rivers, were preſently kindled and calcin'd: After which they were ſeen floating and never ſinking to the bottom. The bituminous matters petrified and formed themſelves into Maſſie-bulks of a prodigious bigneſs. The Inhabitants of *Labarra*, St. *Yvorio*, and other places adjoyning to the Valley, where the Torrent of fire made its way, eſcaped to *Naples*, where the *VICE-ROY*, the Count of St. *Iſtevan* courteouſly received them.

Theſe are the ſigns which the Lord gave us, Luk. 21. 11. 2 Eſdras 6. 24. *to prepare for his Kingdom, and by which the Lord did awaken me, as to the near approach of his coming; and therefore I ſought to him to underſtand his word. The fireing of this Land is Propheſied in* Iſa. 34. 9. *and by theſe fires Hell hath enlarged her ſelf*, Iſa. 5. 14. *and this is the fire Propheſied of by* Moſes, *Deut.* 32. 22. *and again mentioned by the Lord in the* 2 Eſdras 5. 8. *as I have fully made appear in that Treatiſe which ſpeaks of the fireing of the Mountains; And if others did thirſt after the knowledge of the Truth, they would then quickly conſider the ſeriouſneſs which is the deſire of my Soul.* FINIS.